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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the May 14, 2002, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6, 11-16, 48-54, and 64-65) with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no serious burden exists for search and examination of the groups defined in the outstanding office action, no benefit is derived from imposing restriction among Groups I-IX. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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